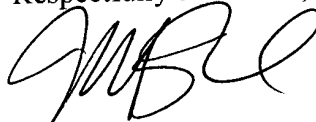


### **III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including May 17, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LORE:013US.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (512) 536-3035 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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